

Have a professor that has demonstrated excellence in their field and inspired you? [Nominate](#) them for the Mark Van Doren Teaching Award.

The award recognizes teaching excellence and celebrates those who have displayed a lasting influence on the students of Columbia College. Each year since 1962, nominated professors are assessed by the student-run Academic Awards Committee for their teaching abilities in the undergraduate classroom. At the end of the school year, Columbia College hosts the Academic Awards Ceremony, where we honor one exceptional professor with the Mark Van Doren Teaching Award.

The Academic Awards Committee (AAC) is a group of 10-15 Columbia College students selected to decide the winners of the Lionel Trilling Book Award and the Mark Van Doren Teaching Award, founded by the university for the purpose of recognizing exceptional Columbia professors for their scholarship and teaching performance. These two honors have been awarded every year for over half a century and are the highest forms of recognition faculty members can receive from students.

If interested in nominating your professor for the Mark Van Doren Teaching Award, fill out the [form](#) by 11:59 pm on Monday, February 6th.

For questions or concerns, please contact the AAC Chairs:
Miriam Aziz CC '24, Lionel Trilling Book Award Chair
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